

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**



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Pursuant to Article 8 of the Rules of Practice and Procedure of the California Public Utilities Commission ("Commission"), Suburban Water Systems ("Suburban") hereby files this notice of an ex parte meeting with Hazlyn Fortune, advisor to Commissioner Grueneich. The meeting took place on February 5, 2008 at 3:30 p.m. at the California Public Utilities Commission, 505 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94102. In attendance were Ms. Fortune and Robert Kelly, Vice President Regulatory Affairs, Suburban, and Sarah E. Leeper,<sup>1</sup>


<sup>1</sup> Ms. Leeper attended the meeting in place of Lori Anne Dolqueist, Suburban's counsel of record for this proceeding. Ms. Dolqueist was unable to attend due to jury duty. Ms. Leeper's representation of Suburban in this proceeding is confined to the above-discussed meeting and an ex parte meeting with Hazlyn Fortune, advisor to

counsel, Manatt, Phelps & Phillips. The meeting lasted on half hour and consisted of the oral and written communications discussed below.

Suburban discussed the January 15, 2008 Proposed Decision in the above-referenced proceeding. Mr. Kelly expressed support for the decision, in particular its approval of the settlement agreements entered into by Suburban. Suburban noted, however, that it did not agree with the Proposed Decision's rejection of Suburban's request to recover its costs for participating in the proceeding. Messrs. Quinn and Kelly explained that Suburban had incurred over \$200,000 in expenses so far. Mr. Kelly explained that the expenses are not already included in current rates, that recovery of the expenses would not constitute retroactive ratemaking, and noted that recovery of these expenses is consistent with Commission policy and precedent. Mr. Kelly also observed that adopting the Proposed Decision's disallowance of these expenses would mean that Suburban would have no opportunity to recover expenses that it was ordered by the Commission to incur. Mr. Kelly also provided a copy of *Suburban Water Systems Comments on the Proposed Decision of Administrative Law Judge Grau*, filed with the Commission on February 4, 2008, and a copy of a timeline for its expenses, which was included as Exhibit A to the *Comments*. Suburban argued that the Commission should modify the Proposed Decision to allow Suburban to recover the expenses it incurs associated with this proceeding.

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Commissioner Grueneich (separately noticed).

**PROOF OF SERVICE**

I, Cinthia A. Velez, declare as follows:

I am employed in the City and County of San Francisco, California. I am over the age of eighteen years and not a party to this action. My business address is STEEFEL, LEVITT & WEISS, One Embarcadero Center, 30th Floor, San Francisco, California 94111-3719. On February 8, 2008, I served the within:

***Suburban Water Systems Notice of Ex Parte Meeting with Commissioner Advisor***

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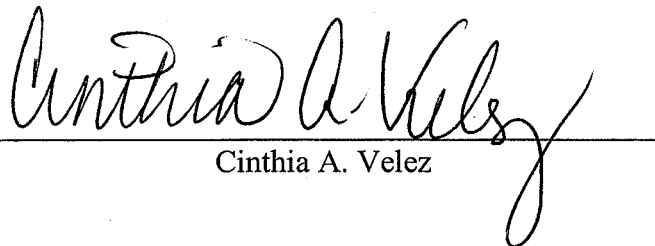


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Cinthia A. Velez

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